PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sixty-Seventh Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

May 6, 7, 8, 1949

Swampscott, Massachusetts

ALLEN B. HOWLAND

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SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Massachusetts Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

New Ocean House, Swampscott, Mass., May 6, 1949.

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, opened at 2 P. M., Department Commander Howland presiding.

P. D. C. William W. Haskell was appointed Guide, and Brother H. E. Blow, Jr. of Camp 26, Color Bearer.

The pass word was taken, roll call of officers made, prayer offered by Chaplain Driver and the Pledge of Allegiance given.

Department Commander Howland announced the appointment of the following committees:

Reception and Ball—Addison A. Quinn, P.D.C., Chairman; Henry F. Weiler, P.D.C.; Harold M. Drown, P.D.C.; John L. Day, P.C. Camp No. 9.; Robert S. O'Toole, Commander Camp 25.

Banquet—William O. Fuller, P.D.C.

Trooping of Colors—William L. Anderson, P.C.-C., Director; George O. Walker, P.J.V.D.C.

Resolutions—Henry F. Weiler, P.D.C., Chairman; Parker B. Chandler, P.D.C.; Rex. Allen, District Commander.

Officers' Reports—Charles H. E. Moran, P.C.-C., Chairman; John W. Emery, P.D.C.; William T. Darling, P.S.V.D.C.; George O. Walker, P.J.V.D.C.

Credentials—Leon H. Palmer, Department Secretary; Roy C. Call, Department Council; Earl W. Harrington, P. C. Camp 50; George A. Adams, P.J.V.D.C.; Leroy Cobb, P. C. Camp 17; F. A. Raymond, Camp 4.

Greetings—Mass. Department, Auxiliary S. U. V. C. W.; Charles H. E. Moran, P.C.-C., Chairman; Addison A. Quinn, P.D.C.; William C. Rule, S.V.D.C.

Woman's Relief Corps—George A. Adams, P.J.V.D.C.; Edwin W. Partenheimer, P.S.V.D.C.; William H. Crocker, Camp 9.

D. U. V. C. W.—H. Harding Hale, P.C.-C.; Harold Drown, P.D.C.; Carder A. Perkins, D.P.I.

Ladies of G. A. R.—Louis E. Winchell, P.D.C.; George W. Kimball, P.D.C.; William W. Haskell, P.D.C.

Publicity—William W. Haskell, Publicity Secretary; Harold M. Drown, P.D.C.; Herbert W. Bogue, Camp 15.

Reports were read by Department Commander Howland, Department S. V. C. Rule, P. I. Perkins, D. I. Hooper, Secretary Palmer. It was voted that report of Treasurer Hunt be referred to Committee on Officers reports as Brother Hunt would be present tomorrow.

Report of Greetings Committee to Woman's Relief Corps Convention at Springfield on April 19th, read by the Secretary. P. D. C. Winchell reported visit to Ladies of the G. A. R. Letter from Daughters of Union Veterans regarding future meetings read and on motion of P. D. C. Bauer it was voted it be placed on file.

Resolutions presented by Department Auxiliary recommending the New Ocean House for Encampment of 1950.

Resolution submitted by Past Presidents Association of the Auxiliary approving the stand for leadership taken by the Sons read. Approved by the Resolutions Committee.

P. D. C. Drown moved that thanks be given to the Auxiliary and P. P. Association and that P. D. C. Bauer, about to visit the Auxiliary Encampment, be given authority to express the same, carried.

A Committee of three from the Auxiliary was received at this time, Department President, Gertrude J. Gaffney, Mrs. Herbert L. Smith and Mrs. Allen B. Howland. All spoke and Mrs. Smith presented from the Auxiliary a check for $178.65.

P. C.-in-C., William L. Anderson responded expressing thanks and appreciation for the aid always received from our Auxiliary.

P. D. C. Drown offered the following resolution which was approved by the Resolutions Committee.

May 26, 1949.

To the Editorial Department,
Boston Sunday Post, Boston Mass.
Gentlemen:

In recognition of your highly commendable editorial of April 24, a fitting tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic, we their legal heirs, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in our 67th Annual Encampment at Swampscott, May 6-8, 1949, hereby resolve:

That we extend our heartfelt official thanks for said editorial to the management of the Boston Post.

Very truly yours,
HAROLD M. DROWN, P. D. C.

P. C.-in-C. Hale submitted the following resolution approved by the Resolutions Committee.

RESOLUTION

Resolved that it is the sense of this Encampment that the opportunity afforded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to make use of Room 27, State House, formerly the Department Headquarters of the Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic, which opportunity is open to this Order and its Auxiliary to hold special meetings in said Room 27, State House to observe patriotic events or commemorate such services as have been so outstandingly rendered by the Grand Army of the Republic, that said opportunity be definitely availed of. Therefore be it resolved that the incoming Department Commander appoint a committee of three to confer with a similar committee of our Auxiliary looking to holding a joint patriotic or commemorative meeting on June 14 or on some other suitable date that would take note of the great patriotic service and influence of that veteran organization during its long career, also that the committee be given full power to act.

Respectfully submitted,
H. HARDING HALE,
Past Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

P. C.-in-C. Hale reported a very enjoyable visit to the G. A. R. Encampment.

P. C.-in-C. Moran reported pleasant and interesting visit to the Auxiliary.

Moved and carried that we proceed to the nomination of officers.

As he was about to leave the Encampment, P. D. C. Bauer asked and obtained leave to make a nomination for Department Council and named Edwin J. Lennon of Camp 61.

For Commander, E. G. Wallingford of Camp 30, nominated Roy C. Call, Camp 30; P. D. C. William O. Fuller, nominated Carder A. Perkins, Camp 9; Emerson Whitman, Camp 62, nominated R. P. Bickmore, Camp 34.

Senior Vice Commander, F. A. Raymond, Camp 4, nominated Herbert L. Smith, Camp 4; H. E. Waite, Camp 25, nominated Wilbur L. Loomer, Camp 25.

Junior Vice Commander, P. C.-in-C. Anderson nominated Rex Allen, Camp 55; H. E. Blow, Jr., Camp 26, nominated Charles W. Hooper, Camp 144.

Council, P. D. C. Haskell nominated LeRoy A. Cobb, Camp 17; P. C.-in-C. Moran nominated William C. Rule, Camp 60; P. I. Carder A. Perkins nominated Allen B. Howland, P. D. C.

Executive Committee, P. C.-in-C. Moran nominated Henry F. Weiler, P. D. C.

Delegates to National Encampment nominated:
Lawrence R. E. Johnson, Camp 15.
Herbert W. Bogue, Camp 15.
William C. Rule, Camp 60.
William W. Tillson, Camp 26.
Charles W. Hooper, Camp 144.
John L. Day, Camp 9.

S. V. Commander-in-Chief, Allen Spink of Connecticut, spoke to us as did Department Chaplain, Rev. George H. Driver.

Adjourned at 3:45 P .M.

May 7, 1949.

Opened at 9:30 A. M., by Commander Howland. Prayer was offered by P. D. C. Addison A. Quinn and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Report of the Department Council was read by Herbert L. Smith, Council Secretary. Brother Beckman moved that the salary of the Department Secretary be not cut and motion was carried unanimously.

P. D. C. Bauer moved that the report be accepted and the budget adopted.

P. D. C. Emery offered an amendment that the expense of travel for the Department Commander be $100. On a show of hands 33 were in favor, 19 against.

P. D. C. Weiler moved that the adoption be placed on order of business for this afternoon and motion was carried.

P. D. C. Fuller suggested that Miss Duffy of the hotel be asked in and thanked for her cooperation.

P. D. C. Bauer added Miss Kennedy and both ladies were brought in and our appreciation extended.

Chairman Hale of the Radio Committee read their report.

Brother H. E. Waite of Camp 25 moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Officers Reports for condensing. Chairman Hale spoke at length against the motion. Brothers Beckman of Camp 17, Walker of Camp 1 and Palmer of 105 spoke in favor of the report.

Commander Palmer of Camp 105 moved that the report as read be accepted and motion was carried.

Department Treasurer read his report. P. Com. T. C. Leutz of Camp 56, made slight correction in name of Edward L. Hay Association.

National Secretary-Treasurer Albert C. Lambert, S. V. Commander-in-Chief Allen F. Spink and P. D. C. Laduc of Vermont were escorted by P. C.-in-C. Anderson, Council member Rule and P. D. C. Crawford, respectively.

Chairman P. D. C. Henry F. Weiler for the Resolutions Committee read the report. P. D. C. Drown recommended adoption. P. D. C. Fuller so moved and motion was carried.

P. D. C. Bauer reported that he had extended greetings to our Auxiliary and stated that the Auxiliary had moved to add to their submitted resoluion that the Department Commander be urged to state that the SUVCW intend to occupy the leadership.

Department Commander Kenneth Wheeler of New Hampshire was here introduced to the Encampment.

P. C.-in-C. Charles H. E. Moran, Chairman of Officers Reports Committee. It was moved that where no objection was offered, recommendations of the Committee be adopted. Carried. Commanders recommendation No. 1, Committee concurs; No. 2, Committee non concurrence.

This recommendation that it be mandatory for the Department Com-

mander to suspend any camp one year in arrears for taxes and reports, and revoke the charter of any camp 18 months in arrears occasioned much discussion. P. D. C. Chandler moved report of Committee be accepted and motion was carried.

No. 3 Commitee recommended Concurrence; No. 4 Commitee recommended Non Concurrence; No. 5 Committee recommended concurrence.

On recommendation of S. V. Department Commander the Committee suggested it be referred to a separate Committee.

On recommendation of Department Inspector that a model blank be prepared for study.

Recommendations of Dept. Patriotic Instructor. The Committee concurred.

On motion of Chairman Moran it was voted that the report be adopted.

On motion of Past J. V. C. Walker it was voted District Commanders be authorized to appoint assistants.

Credential Committee reported total delegates 111 and 5 visitors.

On motion of J. V. C. Hooper it was voted to recess until 1:15 P. M.

May 7, reconvened 1:55 P. M.

Brother Wrin of Camp 81 appointed Color Bearer.

Delegation from D. U. V. received, Sisters Long, P. D. P.; Savery, P. D. P.; Murry, P. D. P.; Connelly, member Department Council. All spoke to us and were responded to by P. C.-in-C. H. Harding Hale. The ladies withdrew.

Brother Bickmore reported on the flag pole presented to the Camp for Diabetic Boys at Charlton, Mass.

P. D. C. Fuller presented the following resolution which was endorsed by the Resolutions Committee and on motion of P. D. C. Weiler, carried.

A recommendation in the form of a resolution was received from The P. P. Association to return here to New Ocean House for the 1950 Encampment. Department Commander of Spanish War Veterans, William S. Anderson, was received and presented to the Encampment.

P. D. C. Bauer submitted the following motion:

Voted that this Department submit for action at the coming session of the Commandery-in-Chief the following amendment to the Regulations of the Order:

Section 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 1 of the Regulations of the Order is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita tax shall be fraudulent and void and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its Charter shall be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it on an implied charitable trust that it is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its Charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its members. Motion was carried.

P. D. C. Bauer moved that the recommendations of the Council be adopted unless there were objections and motion was carried.

P. D. Council member, George R. Beckman objected to recommendation No. 8, and moved amendment that sum be $500.00.

A standing vote was called for and the objection was unanimously sustained.

Council Secretary Smith read the proposed budget and on motion of Brother Beckman it was adopted as amended.

Department Commander of Spanish War Veterans, William S. Anderson, addressed the Encampment and brothers Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer; Wheeler, Department Commander of New Hampshire; Leduc, P. Department Commander of Vermont; Heald, National Chaplain; and Spink, J. V. C.-in-C. spoke.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

P. J. V. D. C. Walker moved the speeches be limited to three minutes each.

P. D. C. Crawford moved an amendment of two minutes, amendment lost and motion carried.

Credential Committee made final report:

Department Commander	1
Past Commanders-in-Chief	3
Past Department Commanders	14
Past Camp Commanders	78
Sitting Commanders	14
Delegates	19
Total	129

P. D. C. Fuller moved report be accepted and Committee discharged. Carried.

Department Commander Howland appointed Tellers.

P. D. C. Henry F. Weiler, Chairman.

Frank A. Raymond, Camp 4.

Earl W. Harrington, Camp 50.

John T. Day, Camp 9.

Paul A. Hoey, Camp 25.

Emerson Whitman, Camp 62.

F. H. Rein, Camp 30.

Delegations received from Ladies of the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps.

P. D. P. Mrs. Crocker, W. R. C.

D. Chaplain Alice Hatch, W. R. C.

P. D. P. Fannie Davis, L. G. A. R.

D. P. Florence Mason, L. G. A. R.

All spoke to us and D. Treasurer George E. Hunt responded.

Brother Arnold of Rhode Island, S. V. Department Commander, escorted to platform.

Brother Hunt moved that the next meeting be referred to the Department Council with full powers, a recommendation to be requested from the Executive Committee. Carried.

Miss Duffey, Asst. Mgr. of the Hotel introduced and thanked by a rising vote. Mr. Kennedy, Mgr. also came on invitation and was thanked by rising vote. Both expressed their appreciation of the opportunity to entertain the Sons and Auxiliary.

Chairman Weiler for the tellers reported 118 ballots cast and no election for Department Commander.

A second ballot was called for and as a result Roy C. Call was declared elected Department Commander, having received 53 votes. Brother Call sincerely thanked the Department and Brother Perkins promised full support.

P. C.-in-C. Hale spoke regarding the dedication of Room 527, former G. A. R. Headquarters, in the State House and asked for a good attendance.

Department Patriotic Instructor Perkins reported $64.00 raised for the G. A. R. Fund and hoped to make it $100.00.

Closed on motion at 5:40 P. M.

Delegates elected at Swampscott to National Encampment:

L. R. E. Johnson, Camp 15.

Herbert W. Bogue, Camp 15.

William C. Rule, Camp 60.

William W. Tillson, Camp 26.
Charles W. Hooper, Camp 144.
John L. Day, Camp 9.
George R. Beckman, Camp 17.
Leo H. Hamilton, Camp 17.
Lawrence O. Jones, Camp 17.
William Crocker, Camp 9.
Harold P. Shepardson, Camp 15.
Robert L. Wood, Camp 30.
James J. Dean, Camp 127.
Edwin W. Baker, Camp 149.
Claude A. Palmer, Camp 105.

Louis E. Winchell was also elected but is entitled to vote as a Past Department Commander.

REPORT OF DEPT. COMDR. ALLEN B. HOWLAND

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-Seventh Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

Dear Brothers:

One year ago I was persuaded to accept the honor of becoming your department commander. I entered the office full of hopes and anticipation of a pleasant and successful year.

Socially I have had a very pleasant term. My contacts with our Allied Orders and with other veteran organizations have been most enjoyable. I have visited with them as many times as possible. The department heads of the Allied Orders have been most courteous and co-operative in all ways.

Department President Gertrude Gaffney of the Auxiliary has been sincerely interested in the work of our organization. In her visits to every auxiliary in the state she has brought back to me reports of the activities and conditions of camps which I would have been unable to obtain otherwise.

My whole-hearted thanks and the thanks of this entire department go to her for the help, co-operation and deep interest she has given us this year. Without her this year would have been much less profitable for us.

The Friendly Relations Committee, after raising about $600.00 for charitable purposes as originally planned, asked permission to keep on working for the organizations. Consequently each of the Allied Orders realized a goodly sum to carry on their individual work.

I recommend that we continue to co-operate in this fine work.

Nearly all of the social activity has been conducted by our auxiliaries with the camps playing a minor part. Aside from regular installations, very few camps have had any public or private affairs to which I have been invited.

There has been practically no general observance of patriotic occasions by the camps: I have attended as many as I have been notified of if possible to do so.

The majority of the department officers have been faithful to their duties and co-operative when called upon.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

It is with regret that I reprt that the condition of the order is not good.

By direction of the last encampment, all camps in arrears for reports were investigated and offered inducement to re-organize. Those failing to take advantage of this offer had their charters revoked as ordered.

I find that if a camp has been allowed to become more than a year delinquent it is almost impossible to get any sincere response.

Several brothers have tried sincerely to revive camps which have either surrendered or had their charters revoked. I am convinced that once a camp has ceased to function it will never be healthy again.

I recommend that it shall be mandatory for each department commander to suspend any camp one year in arrears for taxes and reports, and revoke the charter of any camp which shall be eighteen months in arrears.

I believe the time to save a camp is when it is sick and not after it is dead, and any camp which fails to report for one year is certainly sick.

I believe that district and county associations can do much to promote activities and keep the interest of the members.

I believe the District Commander and the president of the various district associations should be the same man so that complete harmony and unification of activity will result.

I think that if the five district associations we now have could be more closely allied by incorporating the best features of each into all, more could be accomplished.

I suggest that representatives of each district be asked to meet together to draw up basic rules and regulations. These districts could then become official arms of the department, with the district commanders' term to run concurrently with the department year.

We have come to the point where we must choose between the slow death that has been overtaking us or an operation that may or may not save us.

The reports for the past twenty years show an increasingly rapid loss. This is due largely to the age of our membership and failure to recruit new blood.

I recommend an intensive re-organization campaign. Not the type we have used in the past, where several urgently worded communications were sent along to the various camps asking for new members. We know the majority of these were just filed away and no action taken.

There are several localities in the state where no camp now exists which should be able to support a camp.

I find that the majority of camps do not have activities enough to sustain their interest for monthly or semi-monthly meetings. Therefore I believe new camps should be organized on a quarterly meeting basis with a well balanced program planned for each meeting.

I recommend a committee be appointed to make at least two attempts in different sections of the department to organize such camps and that the full amount now in the Loring Fund be put at their disposal.

Our revenue is decreasing yearly as our membership decreases, but our expenses continue at a high level. It will be necessary to either reduce our budget substantially or have a special income producing program to raise the necessary funds to carry on.

I recommend a supplement to the roster containing the names and addresses of the new department officers be issued immediately after encampment.

In the future it might be advisable to have the roster printed in two sections: one immediately following camp installations for camp information, and the other after encampment for department information.

I do not believe it is necessary for department headquarters to be open every week. If the commander lives at any distance from Boston it is an unnecessary expense for him to come nearly every week.

As long as either the secretary or commander makes arrangements for caring for the mail regularly, once a month should be enough to hold open house. Special occasions could be arranged by appointment.

Unless the mid-year meeting is organized entirely along different lines than in the past it may as well be discontinued. Last year's meeting was poorly attended.

As I believe I have accomplished much more for my camp as a past commander than I did during my term as commander, I hope I will be able to do more for the department in the future than I have in the year just past. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you, and I deeply appreciate this fact.

Respectfully,
ALLEN B. HOWLAND,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Holyoke, Mass., April 27, 1949.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-Seventh Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

Brothers, at the Sixty-sixth Annual Encampment held in Worcester you honored me very highly by electing me Senior Vice Department Commander and I am sincerely grateful for having such great confidence placed in me.

During the past year I have been privileged to represent the Department of Massachusetts at many places, notably the New England Regional Association meetings at the Weirs, last July and in New Haven, last October.

I have also had the pleasure of attending many of the official visitations with the beloved Department President of our Auxiliary, Gertrude J. Gaffney. I have also attended many installations and anniversaries of our Allied Organizations.

I assisted Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran, as Guide, at the installation of the L. A. Tifft Camp No. 15 in Springfield, and was the Installing Officer of the James B. Lay Camp No. 44 in Westfield. I also attended the reception of our Department President in Chelsea last June and the reception of our Department Commander in Rockland last October. I attended the National Encampment at Grand Rapids, Michigan as delegate from the Department of Massachusetts in September.

Last May the Department Commander appointed me as chairman of the Sons representatives on the Friendly Relations Committee. This committee organized with Past Department President Pamelia S. Elder as General Chairman. The outstanding activities of this committee were two very profitable minstrel shows one in Boston and the other in Holyoke.

The minstrel in Boston enabled us to divide equally between the Amputee Veterans of Massachusetts, Inc., and the Jimmy Cancer Fund the sum of six hundred dollars. In Holyoke the profit of five hundred dollars was equally divided between the five organizations participating in the Friendly Relations Committee. A more complete and detailed financial report is attached hereto.

At the last meeting of the committee which had charge of the minstrel show in Holyoke it was unanimously voted that each group recommend to its Department Encampment that the Friendly Relations Committee in Western Massachusetts be retained as composed at that time.

I recommend that this be adopted.

At this time permit me to thank each and everyone who assisted in any way to make these two performances the social and financial success that they were, without the co-operation of each and everyone such a success would not have been realized.

Brothers, permit me to thank you again for conferring such an honor upon me, words cannot express my sincere gratitude for all the courtesies

and kindnesses extended to me. I have made many friends and my very pleasant associations with all the members of both State and National Encampments will be a precious memory to me forever. The knowledge and experience obtained by me by serving as Senior Vice Department Commander should point a way for me to better serve our honored Order.

Be assured of my continued support for our Organization and to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully Submitted,
WILLIAM C. RULE,
Senior Vice Department Commander.

To the Massachusetts Department,
Sons Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Annual Encampment, Swampscott, Mass.

At the last Encampment in Worcester I had the pleasure of being elected the Junior Vice Commander of the Massachusetts Department. Your Department Commander and the other department officers have been a pleasure to be affiliated with and I know they have had the interests of the Department at heart.

Although there is no definite assignment for the Junior Vice Commander, I have tried to assist as much as possible in the affairs of the department and for the welfare of the organization. Having been present at many gatherings of our own and allied organizations and represented the Commander at the invitation of other military and patriotic organizations. I had the pleasure during my term of office to present a 50 year badge to one of the Brothers of Camp 52 in Leominster and to offer assistance to Camp 49 in Natick which Camp I believe should have the whole hearted support of the department as it is located in such a manner that there are many adjoining towns, which should be a field for membership.

I had suggested at the beginning of our past year that the department officers should arrange to visit at least quarterly a district of Boston, Worcester and the western part of the State, so that camps in each section, who would care to attend such a meeting might become better acquainted with the department and perhaps offer constructive ideas for the welfare of our organization.

I would recommend that in the future definite assignment be given to the Junior Vice Commander and that department officers meet at least quarterly in sections of the State previously mentioned for the purpose of determining the cause for the necessity of Camps disbanding.

I wish to thank all of the officers of the department and the members of the Camps and allied orders for the courtesies extended to me during the year.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
WILBUR L. LOOMER,
Junior Vice Commander.

Worcester, April 30, 1949.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

May 6, 1949.

Brothers: The Department Council met April 25, 1948, and organized with Roy C. Call as chairman and Herbert L. Smith as secretary, Paul A. Hoey being the third member.

It was unanimously voted that the State Street Trust Company of Boston, would be the depository for the funds of the Massachusetts Department.

It was unanimously voted that bonds be furnished for the Department Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer.

It was unanimously voted that the third Thursday of each month would be the regular meeting nights of the Council at Department Headquarters .

The Council has held fifteen meetings this past year and have attended two Executive Committee meetings.

It was found necessary to disband quite a few Camps this year because of indebtedness of per capita tax. Many of these Camps were in arrears upwards to seven years.

One action of the Council should be elaborated upon. This was the payment of a bill to the Hingham Journal for printing. The bill showed a balance due the Hingham Journal of $682.00, which had accumulated on open account from September 25, 1937. Much outside talk had been going the rounds ever since just previous to our last Encampment, which seemed to develop into a "whispering campaign." To make a long story short various credits were received to finally bring the bill down to $450.00. In order to pay this, the Emergency Fund of $117.32 was closed out and $332.68 was borrowed from the Benjamin Loring Fund. The bill is now receipted as being paid in full.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee on April 21, 1949, it was unanimously voted to concur with the action having been taken by the Department Council in paying this bill.

Only two of the various district associations turned in donations to the Council this past year; the Plymouth County Association turning in $10.00 and the South Metropolitan Association turning in $5.00.

The only bill for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1949, not having been paid is one for the printing of 250 Rosters for $50.00.

The following recommendations are submitted:

1. That $300.00 of the income from the investments and interest from the Permanent Fund be transferred to the General Fund; $50.00 of which is to go towards the paying back of the loan from the Benjamin Loring Fund.

2. That a mid-season meeting be held at such time and place as may be decided by this Encampment, or by the incoming Department Commander and Council.

3. That County and District Associations be contacted by the incoming Department Council and Commander to see if they will turn over one meeting during the year to the sponsoring of some affair and turn the proceeds into the Department.

4. That the incoming Department Commander and Council devise ways and means to provide added revenues for the Department.

5. That the incoming Department Commander and Council be instructed to take action on delinquent Camps before the arrears become too great.

6. That the next check book for the Department will be of the voucher check type showing the definite bill for which the check is being drawn.

7. That the Department Secretary or the Department Council will report at each Encampment of any and all bills being unpaid at the end of the fiscal year.

8. That the salary of the Department Secretary be reduced from $500.00 to $450.00. This seems necessary because of the fact that our membership has declined steadily for the last few years and therefore the income to the Department has greatly decreased. The membership has decreased from 4,000 in 1941 to 2000 in 1949.

9. That the Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander alternate with the Department Secretary in keeping Headquarters open one night each week, thus reducing the number of nights the Department Secretary will have to keep office hours.

The Council desires to thank the Officers of the Department for their co-operation this past year, with especial mention to Department Secretary Leon H. Palmer and Commander Allen B. Howland who were present at practically all meetings of the Council.

Attached herewith is the proposed budget for 1949-1950.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SMITH, Secretary

Approved: ROY C. CALL, Chairman.
PAUL A. HOEY.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1949-1950

Estimated Receipts

Per Capita Tax on 2,000 Members @ 80c	$1,600.00	
Membership Fees on 25 Members @ $1.00	25.00	
Interest from Permanent Fund	300.00	
Donations	150.00	
Office Rent from Auxiliary	112.50	
Telephone from Auxiliary	42.00	
Electric Lights from Auxiliary	5.50	
Donations from County and District Associations	50.00	
		$2,285.00

Estimated Disbursements

Per Capita Tax on 2,000 Members @ 40c	$ 800.00	
Membership Fees on 25 Members @ 50c	12.50	
1949 Encampment Expenses	50.00	
Salary of Department Secretary	450.00	
Dept. Com. Expense to Nat. Enc.	75.00	
Dept. Com. Travel Expense	75.00	
Postage, Printing, Stationery	160.00	
1949 Department Encampment Proceedings	100.00	
Electric Lights	15.00	
Telephone	115.00	
Office Rent	300.00	
Badge for Department Commander	8.00	
Radio Expense	15.00	
Safe Deposit Box	6.00	
Donation to Auxiliary Ways and Means	25.00	
Incidentals	21.00	
Officers' Bonds	7.50	
On Account of Loan from Benjamin Loring Fund	50.00	
		$2,285.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. SMITH, Secretary

Approved: ROY C. CALL, Chairman.
PAUL A. HOEY.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-Seventh Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

Members 2464
Camps January 1, 1948 100

Gains

	Init	Trans.	Rein.	Total
March quarter	27		1	28
June quarter	7	3	4	14

September quarter	5	5		10		
December quarter	5	2	1	8		
						60
						2524

Losses

	Camps	Disb.	Death	H. D.	Tr.	Drop.	Total		
March quarter			35	4		38	77		
June quarter	1	10	16			14	40		
September quarter	3	53	20	7	2	35	117		
December quarter	7	126	21	3	1	23	174		
								11	408
Camps January 1, 1949								89	
Membership									2116

Camps Lost

	Camp	Members
87	Peabody	10
10	Marshfield Hills	7
114	Marion	33
161	Holbrook	13
13	Stoughton	18
20	Colrain	24
53	Orange	11
59	Framingham	10
92	Millbury	33
120	Agawam	19
124	East Templeton	11
		189

Supply Account

On hand April 1, 1948		$198.73	
Purchases		149.69	
			$348.42
Sales	$127.44		
On hand April 1, 1949	215.30		342.74
Profit			$5.68

General Fund

Balance on hand April 1, 1948		$258.81

Receipts

Per Capita Tax	$1,720.60	
Initiation Fees	32.00	
Encampment gift from Auxiliary	165.00	
Interest from Permanent Fund	240.00	
Rent	103.13	
Light	5.95	
Telephone	48.40	
Sales of Supplies	127.44	
Refund on lost money order	2.40	
Commission on cigarette sale at Encampment	2.48	
Camp 114 on disbandment	26.55	
Loan from Ben. Loring Fund	332.68	
From Friendly Relations Committee	1.60	
From Camp 109 for Arlington Hall	4.00	
From Old Timers Assn. for advanced postage	1.05	
Donation from E. W. Baker at Encampment	5.00	
Donation from Plymouth County Assn.	10.00	

Donation from South Met. Assn.	5.00	
From Committee of Holyoke Minstrel Show	100.00	
Total		2,933.28
		$3,192.09

Disbursements

Per Capita Tax	$920.00	
Initiation Fees	22.00	
Rent	300.00	
Light	15.85	
Telephone	112.19	
Traveling, Commander	100.00	
Convention expense 1948	47.73	
Bond premiums of Dept. Officers	7.50	
Entertainment New Eng. Regional Assn.	3.95	
Camp 17, overpaid per cap. tax	2.40	
Expense, Commander Nat'l Encampment	75.00	
Expense of Radio Committee	4.98	
Purchase of supplies	149.69	
Salary of Secretary	500.00	
Postage	71.15	
Printing	54.25	
Stationery	21.50	
State Street Trust Co. Service charges	9.36	
State Street Trust Co. Vault	6.00	
Flowers for deceased Dept. Officers	24.00	
Hingham Journal in full of account	450.00	
Arlington Hall, Camp 109	2.00	
Badge for retiring Dept. Commander	8.00	
Proceedings of 1948 Encampment	93.50	
Donation to Auxiliary Ways and Means Committee	25.00	
Advance postage to Reception and Ball Committee	4.05	
Miscellaneous	18.41	
		3,048.71
Balance on hand April 1, 1949		143.38

Fraternally submitted,

LEON H. PALMER, Dept. Sec'y.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-Seventh Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

Greetings:—The following is my report as Treasurer of the Department for the year ending April 1, 1949:

Benjamin J. Loring Fund

Balance in the Home Savings Bank, Book No. 258021, on April 1. 1948	$723.95	
		$738.49
Interest added to April 1, 1949	14.54	
Withdrawn by order of the Council to pay a claim which has been in dispute for over 10 years		332.68
Leaving the Balance of this fund in the Home Savings Bank on April 1, 1949		$405.81

In using this money, the Council voted to reimburse this fund as soon as possible using part of the interest received from the Permanent Fund.

Permanent Fund

Balance on hand April 1, 1948	$9,633.74		
Interest and Dividends received	298.38		
Total		$9,932.12	
Profit on sale of one $500 U. S. Bond		38.74	
			$9,970.86
Withdrawn and deposited in the General Fund of the Department			240.00
Leaving the balance on hand April 1, 1949			$9,730.86
The Account in detail is as follows:			
Melrose Savings Bank, Book No. 23351	$ 265.53		
Hudson Savings Bank, Book No. 38537	801.88		
Charlestown 5 Cents Savings Bank, Book No. 405403	335.48		
Bellevue Cooperative Bank—10 matured shares, Certificate No. 446	2,000.00		
Reading Cooperative Bank—5 matured shares, Certificate No. 2750	1,000.00		
Two $1000 U. S. Government Bonds No. M471077 and No. M296820	2,000.00		
15 shares Common Stock—American Tel. & Tel. Co., Certificate No. BXV1408—cost	2,327.97		
50 shares Common Stock—Haverhill Gas Light Co., Certificate No. 13848—cost	1,000.00		
Leaving balance on hand April 1, 1949			$9,730.86
This shows an increase for the year of			$97.12

George C. Marshall Post No. 136, Rutland, Massachusetts Fund

Balance on hand April 1,1948	$ 398.22		
Withdrawn to purchase 8 shares of Common Stock in Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., Certificate No. 14040	396.00		
Balance		$2.22	
Dividend on Stock		10.96	
Interest on Bank Balance		.02	
Leaving Balance in bank on April 1, 1949			$13.20
The account in detail is as follows:			
8 Shares Common Stock in Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., Certificate No. 14040	$396.00		
Balance deposited in the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank, Book No. 150934	13.20		
Making a Total Fund on April 1, 1949			$409.20

Margaret Myers Fund

Balance on hand April 1, 1948	$ 300.00		
Withdrawn to pay 5 shares Common Stock in United Fruit Co., Certificate No. H0225440	269.70		
Balance		$30.30	
Dividend received on the above		10.00	
Interest on bank balance		6.79	
Total		$47.09	

Money sent to Miss Myers to be used for taking care of the lot in Mt. Auburn Cemetery		10.00	
Making the Account stand at this date			$37.09
Balance in Suffolk Cooperative Federal Savings			
5 shares Common Stock in United Fruit Co., Certificate No. H0225440	$269.70		
Balance in Suffolk Cooperative Federal Savings & Loan Association, Book No. 3661	37.09		
Making a Total on April 1, 1949			$306.79

Theodore Winthrop Camp 81, Chelsae, Trust Fund

Balance in Suffolk Cooperative Federal Savings and Loan Association, April 1, 1948	$ 41.02		
20 shares Common Stock—Fitchburg Gas & Electric Company, Certificate No 14223—cost	1,000.00		
Total April 1, 1949			$1,041.02

During the year we have paid to the Treasurer of the Camp, four dividends of $13.60 each, making a total of $54.40, which is $34.40 more than they were receiving from the funds in the bank.

Couden Higginson Camp 56 Trust Fund

Balance on hand in the Cambridgeport Savings Bank, Book No. 207496, April 1, 1948	$ 386.06		
Received cash for 2 U. S. Savings Bonds, Series F. 1 of $500 and 1 of $1000, making a total of	1,177.20		
Interest added on Bank Balance	6.63		
Balance in the Cambridgeport Savings Bank	386.06		
Dividends received	42.50		
Total		$1,612.39	
Withdrawn to pay dues of 24 members		48.00	
Balance			$1,564.39
Making the account on April 1, 1949 as follows:			
10 shares Common Stock in United Fruit Co., Certificate No. H225441—cost	$ 539.40		
5 shares Common Stock in American Tel. & Tel. Co., Certificate No. BE93307—cost	776.00		
Balance in the Cambridgeport Savings Bank			$1,315.40
Book No. 207496			$248.99

Arnold William Coppenhagen Fund

Balance on hand April 1, 1948	$5,296.43		
As of April 1, 1949, the account stood as follows:			
Balance in Charlestown 5 Cents Savings Bank, April 1, 1949	$ 491.25		
Received cash for 1 U. S. Savings Bond Series F, No. M314476F	784.80		
Received Dividends and Interest	220.70		
Total			$1,496.75

Withdrawn to pay for 20 shares United Fruit Co. Stock, Certificate No. H225442	$1,078.81		
Withdrawn to pay for 2 shares of American Tel. & Tel. Co., Stock in place of Bond	80.00		
Withdrawn to pay Col. Bauer for the expenses of the band and busses for Mem. Services	134.50		
		1,293.31	
Leaving a Balance in the Charlestown 5 Cents Savings Bank, Book No. 233893, April 1, 1949			$203.44
Balance in the Provident Institute for Savings, April 1, 1948	$ 349.06		
Interest added	10.53		
Making a Total of			$359.59
Brought Forward		$ 563.03	
5 Matured shares Hingham Cooperative Bank Certificate No. 1741		1,000.00	
25 shares Common Stock on Western Massachusetts, Certificate No. 95576		887.50	
10 shares Common Stock on American Tel. & Tel. Co., Certificate No. BK98378—cost		1,589.62	
2 shares Common Stock—American Tel. & Tel. Co., in exchange for Bond—cost		283.00	
20 shares Common Stock—United Fruit Co., Certificate No. H0225442—cost		1,078.81	
Making Balance on hand April 1. 1949			$5,401.96

This shows an increase in the amount of the fund to be $105.53.

The Department handles all of these Trust Funds without making any charge for service, but it certainly is an expense for the Department to do this on account of so many different checks being received for the different funds, which have to be divided.

By making the investments which the Executive Committee have made, we have increased the income from every fund so that we should be able to have more to use when it becomes necessary for us to use any of these funds.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE E. HUNT, Treasurer.
7 Lonsdale Street, Dorchester 24, Massachusestts
May 6, 1949

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-Seventh Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

In making my report I would like at this time to express my thanks to our Department Commander, Allen Howland for the honor bestowed on me, also thank all brothers of the order who have shown me many courtesies.

Like Past Department Patriotic Instructor, I did not receive all the reports on time and to date some not received.

On reading Camp reports the general cause we are all working for in doing the work on Memorial Day also stressing Patriotic exercises is evident.

The Massachusetts G. A. R. Memorial Club has netted us 64 dollars to date with more to come. This has cost the Department nothing. Money received to be forwarded to the National G. A. R. Fund.

Brothers please cooperate with the incoming Department Patriotic Instructor by sending your Annual Camp reports as soon as possible.

Remember May 15th is "I am an American Day." Brothers we are all Americans if we live up to the obligation and oath we made when we joined our beloved order.

In closing again allow me to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who assisted me in any way to fulfill the duties of my office.

Resolutions:—

(1) Be it resolved that the Massachusetts G. A. R. Memorial Club be carried on by the incoming Department Patriotic Instructor. Money raised to be used by our Department towards a G. A. R. Memorial Fund.

(2) Be it resolved that a Committee of three (3), Department Patriotic Instructor being chairman, contact our Auxiliary asking them to work with us in raising funds to present Memorial to the G. A. R. in our next Convention City.

Respectfully submitted,

CARDER A. PERKINS, Department Instructor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR

Quincy 69, Mass., April 21, 1949.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

I wish to submit to you my report as Department Inspector for the past year. Where inspections haven't been held now for several years, and no plans made for the same up to the present time; to shape up a contructive report is rather difficult, but submit the following. By visitation to several Camps and through Installations which I conducted several, got to inquire into the general condition of the Camps, and found they were doing well, duties kept up, and in many cases showing activity; some a good deal more than others. Existing conditions as they are, and membership as we know it; was a deciding factor where Camps weren't doing so well. In connection with this work this year I would like to submit for consideration the following recommendation, be it adopted, or not. That in Department or through the Department Commander, an inspection of some form be planned for the welfare of the order; a house or business kept in good order, "is good". I believe it would have a tendency to create some interest . It has been an honor and a pleasure to me, to serve the Department and order as Department Inspector, and hope what little I was able to do has advanced the interests of same.

Respectfully submitted,

In F. C. & L.

CHARLES W. HOOPER, Department Inspector.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 6, 1949.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

When this Department was incorporated some ten years ago, an Executive Committee was established in order to comply with the provisions of Chapter 180 of the General Laws of Massachusetts which requires a corporation of this character to have a body possessing the powers of a Board of Directors, and, by the Department By-laws, your Executive Committee is given all the powers of a Board of Directors of a Massachusetts business corporation, except in so far as these are, by the

Constitution and Regulations of the order, conferred upon some other officer or body.

For the first few years of its existence, the work of the Executive Committee was small, but, with the increasing complexity of Department affairs, the manifest desire of the Department, as shown by the votes of the Encampment, to have the Department administration carried on in a business like manner, and the establishment last year of our new policy in reference to investments, the functions of the Executive Committee have become more numerous and also more important, and accordingly it has been thought best to inaugurate the policy of the Executive Committee making a formal written report to the Encampment,—particularly as the functions of the Committee will become more imporant each year, due to the fact that, with the Grand Army gone, there are numerous questions of policy which should be, and in some cases must be, settled between two sessions of the Department Encampment, and the Executive Committee is the only representative body possessing any power to settle them, consisting, as it does, of the five senior Department Officers, the members of the Department Council, and five elected members, one chosen each year for five years, thus insuring some consistency and continuity of policy.

The Committee has held two meetings during the current year. At a meeting on June 14, 1948, the Committee effected a formal organization by choice of Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer as Chairman, and inaugurated the new investment policy of the Department, as authorized by the amendment to the By-laws passed last year at Worcester, by voting to sell a U. S. Treasury bond, then selling at a premium of over seven per cent, and to re-invest a large portion of the Permanent Fund and the Trust Funds of the Department in high-grade securities, which vote has been carried into effect. The details of these investments will be given in the report of the Department Treasurer, and it is sufficient to say here that each investment was carefully scrutinized by the Committee before deciding to purchase it, and as a result of the change, income on the portion of the funds so re-invested has more than doubled.

The Department has substantial sums invested in U. S. Defense Bonds which pay a small rate of interest but which, prior to maturity, can be cashed only at a discount. Whether, in the present condiion of the money market, these bonds should be cashed and the loss taken, which loss can easily be made up within three years by re-investment, is a question which has been considered, but it is felt unwise to take any action at the present time.

Nearly all our trust funds authorize the Department to add a certain portion of the income to the principal each year, in order to meet the decreasing value of the dollar and changed economic conditions, and the Committee authorized the Treasurer to add not exceeding ten per cent of the income of each trust fund to the principal for this purpose.

At a meeting held on April 21st, the Committee discussed the entire financial situation of the Department and authorized the Treasurer to take up the rights which will shortly accrue to the Department on its stock in the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and to adjust fractional rights between the different funds.

The Committee also took up the matter of handling the Memorial Day appropriation of the City of Boston for decorating Civil War graves and monuments. This action was necessitated by the action of one Camp and a few individuals in not cooperating with the plan which has been in force for the past ten years, and which must be continued in force if the present satisfactory relations with the City are to be continued. There must be a central coordinating authority to apportion both the work and the money among the different Boston Camps in order to avoid overlapping and make sure the work is properly attended to, and the great majority of Camps

and members in Boston have whole-heartedly supported and cooperated in this plan. The Department Executive Committee is the only permanent body which can handle this situation with authority, and it originally named a Committee of two from Boston Camps to supervise this work, and at this meeting it increased the membership of the Commitee to five.

With the present policy of the Department, there must be some representative body to handle the program and other arrangemens for the Encampment. The Department Council are given certain definite functions in case the Encampment itself does not act, but there are many points which are nowhere adequately covered in the Department By-laws or the Constitution and Regulations of the order, and the Executive Committee is the only body sufficiently representative to handle these and other matters in the absence of action by the Encampment.

It may be assumed, therefore, that meetings of the Executive Committee will occur more frequently in the future than has been the case in the past.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER.
HENRY F. WEILER.
LEON H. PALMER.
ALLEN B. HOWLAND.
ROY C. CALL.
WILLIAM O. FULLER.
HERBERT L. SMITH.
WILLIAM C. RULE.
CHARLES H. E. MORAN.

Swampscott, Mass., May 7, 1949.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The Committee to whom was referred the reports of the officers of this Department submit the following:—

The report of the Department Commander shows a full knowledge of the conditions of the Department and is one that should be carefully read by all members.

He makes recommendations:

(1) Approved by the Committee.
(2) Not approved by the Committee—see Section 5, Article 1 of the regulations.
(3) Approved by the Committee.
(4) Not approved by the Committee.
(5) Approved by the Committee.

The Senior Vice Department Commander's report shows work can be accomplished by the Vice Commander, if given the authority to do something. We commend our Senior Vice for his work. He makes recommendations.

Your Committee offers the following:—

Inasmuch as the recommendation would take the power out of the hands of the Department Commander to appoint his Committee your Committee would offer the following:—

That a Committee be appointed in Western Massachusetts, to serve with a like Committee from the Allied Orders, to raise funds for our Department, and to work for general welfare of the Order.

The Department Inspector makes one recommendation.

We believe that Inspections are good for the Order, but inasmuch as the supply of inspection blanks have been exhausted, we recommend that

Inspection be resumed and that a modified blank be prepared and mimeographed.

The Patriotic Instructor reports the usual story—failure of Camps to send in their reports and shows one of the reasons why our order does not progress.

He makes recommendation.

(1) Approved by the Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee is a very businesslike one and shows how ably the affairs of the order are looked after between Conventions, and we can be sure that the various Trust Funds will be administered in the proper manner.

The reports of the Department Secretary and Treasurer vividly show the statistics of the order and the financial condition of the various funds. They show very vividly that our income must be raised or our expenses decreased. Our revenue is not sufficient at the present time to keep the order solvent. The report shows a balance on hand in the General Fund of $143.38, but to show that balance it was necessary to include the gift of $165.00 from the Auxiliary and the $100.00 from the Friendly Relations Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. E. MORAN.
JOHN W. EMERY.
WILLIAM T. DARLING.
GEORGE O. WALKER.
Committee.

109 Burleside Ave., Brockton, Mass., May 6, 1949.

Department Commander Allen B. Howland and Brothers:

I wish to submit to you my report as Department Publicity Secretary for the past year.

We have had a page or better in each issue of the Banner and have had several good write-ups from various papers throughout the State.

The Boston papers for some reason or other have not been so good to us this year as in others. But have been able now and then to get a short piece into them.

The Camp Publicity Secretary does not seem to get news to the Department Publicity Secretary, so news in general is very scarce.

I wish to thank Department Commander Howland and all who have made this year a pleasant one to work for the order.

Yours in F., C. & L.,
WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Publicity Secretary.

DEPARTMENT RADIO COMMITTEE REPORT

Year Ending March 31, 1949

The record of your Radio Committee for the past year was one of persistent success. Although no two programs were exactly alike we also developed a distinctly different type of program in our production of the one out of WKOX, Framingham, on October 19th. On this first visit at that studio we offered a program designed to interest the veterans at Cushing Memorial Hospital. On the anniversary of Gen. Philip Sheridan's brilliant victory at Cedar Creek, Virginia, we presented the highlights of the event, after which Past Department President Phyllis Dean of our Auxiliary read the colorful poem, "Sheridan's Ride", continued with the Civil War recollections of a Comrade, and endede with an account of her organization's social service at Cushing and other veteran hospitals. Included in the half hour were several stirring Civil War songs heard by

our recordings. No doubt these and the other program numbers furnished unusual enjoyment to those heroes of later wars.

The above may serve to illustrate the effort we make in directing our broadcasts towards engaging the interest in general of the particular station's listeners we may happen to be addressing. We often precede playing those significant songs with stories of their origins, as we did in the Framingham event.

Noting that our recordings of these historic songs cannot be played, as a rule, more than 12 times, your Committee has during the year had copies made on new discs, that their period of usefulness may be considerably extended.

We are mindful that today an ever-increasing portion of the radio listeners, especially young people, are without a clear understanding of the Civil War, its distinctive place in our history, and of the youthful soldiers and sailors who fought it through to victory, that realization has urged your Committee to, in each program, convey to them, in humanly-interesting style, authentic information dealing with some phase of the great subject. So we are carrying on something like missionary efforts for the cause, that in blood and treasure, cost so much.

Remember, no other Department in Massachusetts, affiliated with the Grand Army, can claim a record of more than 15 years of commemorative service such as ours. No other Department within our Order has steadfastly maintained this publicity service that goes to the very core of our patriotic cause. That cause has of late become telling the story now that the Boys in Blue are gone.

Let us not fail to appraise at their true value, the eloquent reminders of our fathers and their terrific struggle, the songs they sang to cheer them on to victory, and those precious blood-stained, tattered battle flags that endured all they did to save our nation from dismemberment. The sight of them calls us in our day to make a concerted, all-out effort to save our Order from being wiped out, by the difficulties that endanger our future as blood representatives of the bravest souls that ever fought under the Stars and Stripes.

The programs of the year were as follows:

During the Worcester Encampment a WTAG program carried a recorded dramatized story of the battlefield heroism and death of Lieutenant Willie Grout (Camp 25, bearing his name furnished the disc) and was produced under direction of your chairman—a most impressive program; a WORC presentation featured a commemorative sketch of Worcester's George H. Ward Post, G. A. R. and its inspiration to the region it served, delivered by Brother Hale. Department Commander Harold M. Drown, Department President Pamelia S. Elder, and Past National President Edna Lambert contributed talks. Addison A. Quinn, P. D. Co. rendered Civil War songs and other war tunes were played by recordings.

The Memorial Day Observance went out of WEEI when the shining deeds of those dauntless patriots, General George H. Thomas, General George W. Getty and Admiral Farragut were portrayed by your chairman. Flag Day program, the colorful "Shirt Flag" story produced by WHDH staff, your chairman cooperating. October 19, WKOX, Framingham, (program described earlier); Nov. 19, WCOP Dedication Day observance; Mid-year Department session, WBET, Brockton, broadcast of Commander-in-Chief message read by P. C. in C. Anderson, Department Commander Howland, Department president Gertrude Gaffney, P. National President M. B. Warren, with C. W. music; Lincoln Anniversary over WLAW, State Representative Nathaniel Tilden, relative of the C. W. President, was interviewed by your chairman, bringing out interesting Lincoln facts, followed by songs dear to our immortal C. W. leader.

Chairman H. Harding Hale of the Radio Committee reported the production on Friday at 7:30 of the usual Encampment program at station

WESX, Salem, when interesting patriotic activity messages were heard (by manuscript), from Commander-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch, Auxiliary National President Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, Department Commander Allen B. Howland, (in person) and Auxiliary Department President Mrs. Gertrude J. Gaffney. The feature Civil War story dealt with Patrick Gilmore, famous Civil War bandmaster and appropriate songs were rendered by Addison A. Quinn, P. D. C.

Respectfully submitted,
H. HARDING HALE,
CHARLES W. LITTLE,
Radio Committee.

Resolution:—

Resolved that it is the sense of this Encampment that the opportunity afforded by the Commonwealth of Massachusets to make use of Room 27, State House, formerly the Department Headquarters of the Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic which opportunity is open to this Order and its Auxiliary to hold special meetings in said Room 27, State House to observe patriotic events or commemorate such services as have been so outstandingly rendered by the Grand Army of the Republic, that such opportunity be availed of.

Therefore be it resolved that the incoming Department Commander appoint a Committee of three to confer with a similar Committee of our Auxiliary looking to holding a joint patriotic or commemorative meeting, on June 14 or on some other suitable date, that would take note of the great patriotic service and influence of that veteran organization during its long career.

Also that the Committee be given full power to act.

Respectfully submitted,
H. HARDING HALE,
Past Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans—Civil War.

Resolution by P. D. C. Wm. O. Fuller.

WHEREAS, the surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic, as the representatives of some two million men who offered their lives and gave their services to preserve our union "one and inseparable," will hold their last National Re-union in the City of Indianapolis, beginning on the twenty-eighth day of August, 1949, thus ending the career of an organization than which no body of men has held a more honorable place in the esteem of the nation since our National Government was established one hundred and sixty years ago; and having furnished 6 members as presidents of our country, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the significance of this event and the principles of patriotism for which the Grand Army stood should be duly commemorated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Massachusetts Deparment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in convention assembled on the seventh day of May, 1949, hereby request that His Excellency the Governor of Indiana and His Honor the Mayor of Indianapolis, request the people of said city to suspend business, so far as practicable, at the time of the last parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that at sunset on said day the bells of the city be tolled, the people be requested to suspend all activities for the short period, and that such other honors be paid as befit the significance of the event.

Introduced by
BRO. WILLIAM O. FULLER, P. D. C.

Boston, Mass., March 19th, 1949.

Resolution presented by the Past President's Association Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

WHEREAS—The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have brought honor upon themselves from the service they have given to their fathers and grandfathers and other members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and

WHEREAS—The Grand Army of the Republic will be holding their last National Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana, next August, and

WHEREAS—The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are the legal *male* descendants and heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic,

THEREFORE—Be it resolved that this Association in the Department of Massachusetts go on record as approving and in fact URGING that the leadership of the Orders allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, be assumed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, especially in the matters of arranging conventions or any joint gathering of the patriotic Orders allied with the so-called Grand Army Family.

And be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Department Commander of Massachusetts for his information and approval as well as that of the entire Department Encampment.

Signed,
PAMELIA S. ELDER, President
MAUD COLBURN, Recording Secretary.

We believe that our leaders realize the situation and have already given it considerable consideration and have taken the lead in an attempt to bring the several elements together, but with scant success. This effort to bring together the several elements should be continued and encouraged by those leaders who will follow, in a friendly and cordial attempt to unify the meetings of the "G. A. R. Family" at some early date.

We maintain however, that our position as the sole male heirs of the Grand Army places upon us the duty, as well as the privilege, of leading all efforts to unite the potential forces created under the auspices of these Organizations, a position which having come to us as a sacred trust, we cannot and will not yield or abdicate.

HENRY F. WEILER, P. D. C.
PARKER B. CHANDLER, P. D. C.

31 Dunmoreland Street, Springfield 9, Mass., April 30, 1949.

Mr. Allen B. Howland, Commander
Massachusetts Department, Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Room 513, 88 Tremont Street,
Boston 8, Massachusetts.

Dear Commander:

In compliance with Department Order No. 1, series of 1949, your entire greetings committee to the Women's Relief Corps, carried out its assignment on the afternoon of the 19th of April by visiting their 70th Annual Convention held in the Hotel Kimball here in Springfield. Your Committee was properly received and trusts that it carried out its mission satisfactorily.

Personally, I thank you for the honor of serving on that Committee and of being its chairman.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
GEORGE A. ADAMS, P. J. V. D. C., Chairman,
Greetings Committee to the Women's Relief Corps.

April 5, 1949.

To the Officers and Members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic:

The following is the financial report of the Minstrel Show held in Boston, November 6th, by the Friendly Relations Committee.

Receipts from the Allied Orders for Ads, Tickets and Donations

Women's Relief Corps	$198.10
Ladies of the G. A. R.	68.80
Sons of Union Veterans	117.50
Daughters Union Veterans	174.70
Auxiliary to Sons	367.75
At door November 6th	41.20
Total Receipts	$968.05

Expenses

Printing tickets and flyers		$13.25
Halls for rehearsals		17.50
Printing program book		90.00
Hall for show		31.48
Permit City Boston		2.00
Door sheets		.70
Police officer		6.00
Boy for lights and curtain		5.00
Tax on tickets		40.69
Charles Ladd		10.00
Rent of chairs		4.80
Rent of microphone		15.00
Make-up		2.00
Tissues for make-up		1.14
Flags		4.70
Musician		35.00
Annie Santos, Sec.		8.80
Pamelia Elder (miscellaneous)		25.00
Total Expense		$313.06
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Gift, to Amputee Veterans	300.00	
Gift, to Jimmy Cancer Fund	300.00	
Total	$913.06	
Total Receipts	$968.05	
Total Expense	913.06	
Balance	$54.99	

Balance of $54.99 turned over to William Rule, Chairman of the Friendly Relations Committee for Show in Holyoke.

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELIA S. ELDER, General Chairman.

WILLIAM C. RULE, Chairman.

Mr. William C. Rule, Chairman
Friendly Relations Committee
Minstrel Show in Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit the following treasurer's report for the Minstrel Show held in Holyoke, Mass., the 22nd day of January, 1949.

Receipts

From Friendly Relations Committee in Boston	$ 54.99
From Program	504.50
From Tickets, etc.	456.56
Total	$1,016.05

Expenditures

City of Holyoke (use of school hall)	$ 35.25	
Enterprise Printing Co. (programs)	84.00	
Albert Murray (2 buses from Boston)	186.00	
Marion Ray (pianist)	15.00	
Gerry Lamothe (amplifiers))	10.00	
Collector of Internal Revenue (taxes)	42.42	
William C. Rule (dinners, misc.)	142.70	
Bank charges	.68	
Total		$516.05
Profit		$500.00

A $100.00 check has been sent to each organization having a part in this event.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. EMERY, Treasurer.

WILLIAM C. RULE, Chairman.

May 26, 1949.

Mr. Albert C. Lambert, Nat'l Sec'y-Treas.,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
2771 S. Broad Street,
Trenton, N. J.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Action as below was taken at the 67th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department at Swampscott, Mass., on May 7, 1949:

> Voted that the Department submit for action at the coming session of the Commandery-in-Chief the following amendment to the Regulations of the Order:
> Section 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 1 of the Regulations of the Order is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita tax shall be fraudulent and void, and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it on an implied charitable trust that it is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its members."

Fraternally,

LEON H. PALMER,
Department Secretary.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE SONS OF UNION VETERANS AND ITS AUXILIARY

SONG—"In The Garden" ..... *Addison Quinn*
PRAYER—Rev. George H. Driver ..... *D. C. of Sons*
SCRIPTURE—Maybell W. Howard ..... *D. C. of Auxiliary*
SONG—"Lead Kindly Light" ..... *Addison Quinn*
EULOGY to G. A. R. Wm. Anderson ..... *P. C. in O.*
EULOGY to Past Dpt. Commander Everett Lynds..... *S. V. D. C. Wm. Rule*
EULOGY to Past Commander Rev. Allen Bronsdon
..... *P. D. C. Henry Weiler*
NECROLOGY to the Sons ..... *Leon Palmer*
EULOGY to Past Dpt. Pres. Lillian Blythe..... *P. N. P. M. Palmer*
EULOGY to Past Dpt. Pres. Grace T. Howland.... *P. N. P. Margaret L. Waters*
NECROLOGY to the Auxiliary ..... *Alice Campbell*
SONG—"Abide With Me" ..... *By Audience*
BENEDICTION ..... *Rev. George H. Driver*
TAPS ..... *Fred Waugh*

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated:

At the Encampment held at Worcester you gave me permission to solicit funds for a flag pole to be erected at the Camp for diabetic boys at Charlton, Mass.

I wish to report that the pole was erected and the flag flown with appropriate exercises which were as follows: Invocation by George S. Brownlow, State Chaplain of the United Veterans and a member of Camp No. 62.

Raising of flag by C. A. Palmer of Camp No. 105 assisted by F. Robert Noyes, a greatgrandson of my father.

Bugle call "To the Colors" by Miss Catherine Doucette.

Dedication and presentation of flag and pole in memory of the Union Veterans of '61-'65 by P. D. P. I. Ralph P. Bickmore.

Acceptance by Mrs. Cyrus F. Springall, chairman of the Camp committee.

Address by Emerson Whitman, P. D. P. I. and Commander of Camp No. 62.

Benediction by George S. Brownlow.

Among those present were: Bros. Foster of Wakefield and Fred Butler of Saugus, also representatives of the Auxiliary, Gold Star Mothers, and of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

I received a very fine acknowledgment of the receipt of $100.00 by Mrs. Springall. (attached).

I received from the Camps $26.00 and from members $36.00. Total $62.00.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

RALPH P. BICKMORE.

April 19, 1949

Mr. Allen B. Howland, Commander
Mass. Dept., Sons of Union Veterans
Abington, Massachusetts.

Dear Brother Howland:

This is to report to you that the invitation to convene in 1950 in Holyoke, and another invitation to go to Springfield were taken up in our convention. After much consideration and discussion, it was an almost unanimous vote to continue to hold our conventions in Boston.

The main reason for this decision was that we realize the difficulty of finding a place in Boston. The Hotel Lenox has treated us fine, but knowing that other organizations are just waiting for us to give up, we do not dare give up for even one year.

We sincerely hope that the Allied Orders will still try to get together. Another argument which helped decide was that the G. A. R. had expressed the hope that we would all stick together and meet annually in Boston as had been the custom in recent years.

All good wishes to you and the Sons for a very pleasant and successful Encampment.

Sincerely in F., C. & L.,

ISABEL PRESCOTT, Department Secretary.

May 7, 1949

Allen Howland, Department Commander.

The following resolution has been adopted by our Encampment.

WHEREAS, the environment of this Hotel has appealed so favorably to the membership

BE IT RESOLVED, that we submit a recommendation to the Sons of Union Veterans for their consideration to the effect we return here for our Convention in 1950.

Loyally in F., C. & L.,

GERTRUDE J. GAFFNEY, Dept. President.

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